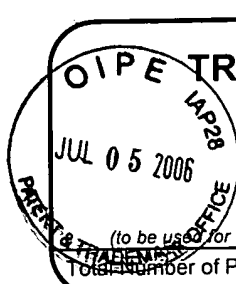

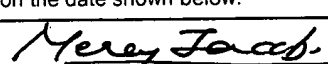


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Box No. 1

Basis of this opinion

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a. type of material

- ☐ a sequence listing
☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing

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- ☐ in written format
☐ in computer readable form

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4. Additional comments:

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Box No. II

Priority

1. ☒ The following document has not yet been furnished:

☒ copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(a)).

☐ translation of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(b)).

Consequently it has not been possible to consider the validity of the priority claim. This opinion has nevertheless been established on the assumption that the relevant date in the claimed priority date.

2. ☐ This opinion has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid (Rules 43bis.1 and 64.1). Thus for the purposes of this opinion, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.

3. Additional observations, if necessary:

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Box No. V

Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
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1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Claims 1-10

YES

Claims

NO

Inventive step (IS)

Claims 1-10

YES

Claims

NO

Industrial applicability (IA)

Claims 1-10

YES

Claims

NO

2. Citations and explanations:

1 Reference is made to the following documents in the present notification:

D1: AWATINI Y ET AL: "Damage free dicing method for MEMS devices" 2002, IEEE/LEOS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON OPTICAL MEMS (CAT. NO. 02EX610), LUGANO, SWITZERLAND, 20-23 AUG. 2002, PISCATAWAY, NJ, USA, IEEE, USA, PAGE(S) 137 - 138, XP010602742 ISBN: 0-7803-7595-5

D2: SASAKI S ET AL: "Screen printed adhesive technologies for all-silicon optical packaging" 1996, 46TH ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS AND TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE, PROCEEDINGS, ORLANDO, FL, USA 28-31 MAY 1996, IEEE, US, PAGE(S) 1289-1293, NEW YORK, NY, USA, XP010167189 ISBN: 0-7803-3286-5

2 Document D1, which is considered as representing the most relevant prior art, describes (cf. D1, figure 2):

A method of adhesive-coating at least one microstructured substrate having coplanar upper plane regions and recesses between the latter, by means of an adhesive capable of adhering to these

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coplanar upper plane regions, this method comprising the following steps:

- a grid is placed on top of the substrate;
- this grid is coated with adhesive, by means of a tool which, by pressing on the grid, brings this grid locally into contact with the coplanar upper plane regions, so as to deposit a film of adhesive droplets on these coplanar upper plane regions; and
- the grid is removed,

from which the subject matter of independent claim 1 differs in that:

in the method, the coplanar upper plane regions are treated before the film of adhesive droplets is deposited thereon, this treatment being designed to adapt the wettability of these regions to the adhesive.

- 2.1 The subject matter of claim 1 is therefore novel (PCT Article 33(2)).

The problem that the present invention is intended to solve can thus be considered to be how to ensure that the droplets join up so as to form a coherent film (cf. page 11 of the description of the present application, lines 12-17).

- 2.2 The solution to this problem, as proposed in claim 1 of the present application, is considered to involve an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)), for the following reasons:

none of the documents identified in the art or mentioned in the search report discloses a treatment for adapting the wettability of the coplanar upper

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regions.

- 2.3 Claims 2-10 are dependent on claim 1 and therefore also comply, as such, with the requirements of novelty and inventive step of the PCT.